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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE RUNOV

1. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR RUNOV DURING HIS STAY
IN WASHINGTON JUNE 18-19:

JUNE 18 0900 MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATORS OF FAS AND ERS TO
DISCUSS PROGRESS OF WORK UNDER WORKING GROUP ON
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION.

1000 MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VANDER MYDE,
CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, ADMINISTRATOR OF ARS
AND ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF CSRS TO DISCUSS
PROGRESS OF WORK UNDER THIS WORKING GROUP.

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1100 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY YEUTTER, CHAIRMAN
OF U.S. SIDE OF JOINT COMMITTEE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BELL, CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP.

1130 MEETING WITH SECRETARY BUTZ. MR. YEUTTER
WILL SIT IN.

1230 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MR. YEUTTER.

1500 MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF COOPERATOR
COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT
TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS.

EVENING - FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY CARROLL BRUNTHAVER
WISHES TO INVITE RUNOV TO HIS HOME FOR DINNER

JUNE 19 1000 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR EDWIN MARTIN, U.S.
COORDINATOR FOR WORLD FOOD CONGRESS AND SENIOR
ADVISOR TO SECRETARY OF STATE (AT AMBASSADOR
MARTIN'S REQUEST.)

1230 LUNCHEON AT WORLD BANK HOSTED BY DR. SAMAR
RANJAN SEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INDIA,
BANGLA DESH AND SRI LANKA (AT DR. SEN'S REQUEST,
SUBJECT TO RUNOV'S ACCEPTANCE.)

DETAILED ITINERARY WITH FULL NAMES, ROOM NUMBERS, ETC. WILL BE
PROVIDED RUNOV WHEN HE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK OR AS SOON THEREAFTER
AS POSSIBLE. ASSUME RUNOV WILL WANT SOVIET AGRICULTURAL
COUNSELLOR GAVVA TO ACCOMPANY HIM FOR ENTIRE WASHINGTON PROGRAM.
REQUEST AGATT OBTAIN RUNOV'S CONCURRENCE WITH PROGRAM AND REPLY
FAS/W AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. REGRET MEMBER OF JOINT COMMITTEE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE
TO MEET WITH RUNOV IN SPOKANE AS HE REQUESTED, BUT MOST MEMBERS
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AND HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN
PROGRAM.

3. USDA HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE ESCORT AND INTERPRETER FOR RUNOV
DURING HIS TRAVEL WITHIN U.S. REQUEST AGATT ENSURE RUNOV UNDER-
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STANDS THAT THIS IS SIMPLY COURTESY EXTENDED BY FAS AND THAT IF
HE PREFERS TO TRAVEL ALONE FOR ALL OR PART OF HIS SCHEDULE, HE
CERTAINLY IS FREE TO DO SO. IN THE EVENT RUNOV DOES NOT WANT
ESCORT FOR WHOLE TRIP, REQUEST AGATT INQUIRE SPECIFICALLY
WHETHER HE WANTS TO BE MET IN NEW YORK AND WHETHER HE WILL NEED
INTERPRETER IN SPOKANE AND/OR COLUMBUS, OHIO. IF RUNOV DOES
WANT ESCORT ADVISE HIM THAT G. STANLEY BROWN WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

4. INFORMAL DINNER ON JUNE 12 AT 6 PM HOSTED BY INTERMEDIATE CREDIT BANK HAS BEEN ADDED TO RUNOV'S SPOKANE SCHEDULE AT BANK'S REQUEST.

5. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST IN RUNOV'S VISIT AND LOCAL SPOKANE T V STATION IS PRESSING BANK FOR ANSWER ON WHETHER RUNOV WOULD CONSENT TO T V INTERVIEW. FROM PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, ASSUME RUNOV WOULD NOT RPT NOT WANT THIS, BUT REQUEST AGATT SOUND HIM OUT. LAYNE PALMER, EDITOR OF FARM JOURNAL, WANTS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH RUNOV WHILE HE IS IN SPOKANE. ADVISE RUNOV THAT PALMER IS RESPONSIBLE JOURNALIST, FRIENDLY TO DEPARTMENT AND BILATERAL ACTIVITY UNDER US-USSR AGREEMENT, AND THAT WE RECOMMEND HE AGREE TO THE INTERVIEW. WE BELIEVE RESULTING ARTICLES WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OFFICIALS ON BOTH SOVIET AND U.S. SIDES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT.

6. FYI ISSUES WE PLAN TO RAISE WITH RUNOV INCLUDE:

A. SENDING SIDE PAYS PRINCIPLE, INCLUDING EXCEPTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE IN U.S.

B. DATES FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER.

C. PROLIFERATION OF TEAMS PROPOSED BY BOTH SIDES UNDER AGREE-
MENT.

D. EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA -- ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR U.S.
IS RECEIPT OF TRADE DATA AND FORWARD ESTIMATES.

E. COOPERATOR OR AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS. USDA REMAINS UNCERTAIN
SOVIETS UNDERSTAND HOW WE ENVISION PUTTING THESE PROJECTS
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TOGETHER.

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